<u>DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH</u> <u>MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2011</u>

DR. MICHAEL P. O'LEARY, CHAIRMAN
MARY ELLARD, R.N., VICE CHAPERSON
LEANNE JASSET R.PH MEMBER
CATHY CARDINALE. R.S. HEALTH DIRECTOR
JOAN CONWAY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
WILLIAM KEEGAN, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The meeting was called to order by Dr. O'Leary at 6:05p.m.

The first order of business is to accept the minutes of the July 19, 2011 as written. Mary made motion to accept the minutes as written Leanne seconded all in favor aye, opposed none. So Voted:

Dr. O'Leary yes Mary Ellard yes Leanne Jasset yes

Next order of business is to accept the minutes of the August 4, 2011 emergency meeting regarding the Boch Ice Arena. Dr. O'Leary noted he was not in attendance. Leanne motioned to accept the minutes as written Mary seconded all in favor aye opposed none. So Voted:

Mary Ellard yes Leanne Jasset yes

Old Business:

We have scheduled a flu clinic for senior citizens on October 5th from 1-3 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. We will be using the vaccine we purchased ourselves. As you know due to the new state regulations we cannot use state supplied vaccine on the general public. We will used the state supply on the under insured and children. We will try to have a few flu clinics at the schools to use up the state vaccine. Leanne asked if there are plans to hold a larger town wide flu clinic. Cathy said no we have purchased 400 vaccines and will see where that gets us and we will stay in touch with the pharmaceutical company to see how long it would take to reorder. This is the first time we have purchased our vaccine directly from the pharmaceutical company we are usually supplied from the state and that is dwindling very quickly. Leanne asked if there is any indication of a shortage to which Cathy responded not yet.

Hazardous Waste Day is October 1, 2011 8 a.m.-12 noon. We are returning to one hazardous waste day a year which will be the one in the fall.

The Incinerator/Transfer Station

Mr. Mike Mulberry and Mr. Chris Carney from Recycle Solutions are present along with Mr. Lars Lambros, from the Dedham Health and Athletic Club.

Cathy began by saying that the leaching tanks are being reconnected to the town sewer system. Opening these tanks frequently over the last few weeks to test the lines has caused considerable odors.

Leanne Jasset asked if the operators Mr. Mullbery and Mr. Carney have cooperated with your questions concerns and requests over the past year. Cathy replied that the gentlemen have been very cooperative to all concerns and requests. Dr. O'Leary commented that he has been puzzled by tenants that abut a facility like this don't have some expectation that the environment is not going to be odor free.

Mr. Mulberry explained that the facility was originally an incinerator that was converted to a transfer station they have increased the volume being processed. They are in the process of getting charcoal filtering system. When we create negative air inside the building the air is treated by the charcoal filters and exits through the smokestack thus eliminates the majority of the negative air inside the building.

Mr. William Keegan, Town Administrator addressed the meeting by saying the gentlemen from Recycling Solutions have been working very closely with the town in addressing the odor concerns. As Cathy has pointed out the tanks have to be emptied every day and each time odor is emitted.

We knew the sewer line was close by and had our engineering department look for it they found the location of the line. The system can be reconnected the lines have been tested we hope to reconnect soon. Mr. Mulberry said he has just received a quote for the work and have given the company the ok. We do not have an exact time line. Presently we try to open the tanks early in the morning to empty them. When we do we notify Cathy ahead of time. Dr. O'Leary asked if there were any additional environmental issue now that you are hooking up to a town line. Mr. Mulberry said no the pumping of the tanks does create an odor but once we are connected that should stop. We hope to install a vapor shield as well.

Lars from Dedham Health and Athletic said he has been at his job for 19 years and as an abutter of the plant over the last 3 years the odor has been atrocious. I start work at 5:30 am and the odor has affected our business we have lost clients due to the odor. There is no doubt that this situation has gotten worse in the last 3 years. We had a member come in and terminate their membership because they threw up on the way in due to the odor. I must say the operators of the plant have responded to me as has Cathy every time I have complained. I do not think this situation is acceptable as an abutter.

Dr. O'Leary said he has been there more than once not at anyone's suggestion just because I wanted to see for myself and I do understand there is an issue. My understanding is the reason it has escalated to this situation is that they have increased their volume significantly.

Lars asked if there is a restriction on the type of waste the can take at the transfer station? Cathy explained that the no longer take restaurant and supermarket waste as well as shell fish waste. Dr. O'Leary asked how large an impact the connection to town sewerage will have on this problem. Cathy said that between the sewerage connection and approval of the charcoal filtration system once approved by the Department of Environmental Protection, about 75 -80%. Mr. Carney said there is a

three prong approach to the solution; one is the vapor curtain, which is a water based misting, that will prevent the in-house odors from being blown out the back of the building toward the Dedham Health Club. The next is the charcoal filtration system and the sewer connection. We are awaiting approval from Department of Environmental Protection.

Lars asked if there is any hazard to breathing the air when it is noxious. Mr. Carney said that OSHA and DEP have both been to the facility and never said the employees would be required to wear masks or that there was any danger. None of the waste brought to the facility is hazardous.

Dr. O'Leary asked if they had a long term plan for the facility. Mr. Mulberry said they would eventually like to build a new building facing a different way with doors on one side not two with a charcoal system.

Dr. O'Leary said this is a seasonal issue that keeps coming here and at this point I don't see what else we can do to resolve the issue. As far as the Health Club goes the outdoor summer club is now closed for the season and will not be having odor problems.

Mary asked Mr. Mulberry when he gets approval from the DEP, that he notifies the abutters with a time line of what they may or may not smell. You have solutions set up and hopefully they will resolve the odor problem. Mary also asked that once the plan has been implemented we revisit this issue. Let's keep the communication going.

Housing Violations

Cathy said she is happy to report that after many years 230 Sprague Street is all fixed. The Condemnation order needs to be lifted. We have been through the court system and eventually I was told to go to Superior Court. Once there receivership was put into place the work was started and now one year later the work is completed. Mary Ellard made a motion to lift the condemnation order on 230 Sprague Street; the motion was seconded by Leanne Jasset. All in favor aye opposed none. So voted:

Mary Ellard yes Leanne Jasset yes Dr. O'Leary yes

Cathy will write a letter to the receivership attorney and he will bring it to Superior Court.

49 Holmes Road did not show up we believe it is an abandoned house.

Cathy has created a Twitter account for the Board of Health, Face book is next. We will be able to put our Flu Clinic and other events on our account.

The other news is the medical medication drop off at the Police Station is installed and is up and running. They do not take inhalants or needles. We have the sharps containers for needle collection. And Stericycle collects the boxes of needles.

With no further business to discuss Mary motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. Leanne seconded the motion; all in favor aye opposed none. So Voted:

Dr. O' Leary	yes
Mary Ellard	yes
Leanne Jasse	t yes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.		

Dr. Michael P. O'Leary, Chairman